

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/676,091

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are Claims 1-5, 7, 16-20, 22, 31-35, and 37 are allowed; renumbered as 1-18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

- This action is responsive to the following communication: RCE filed on 7/13/06.
- Claims 6, 8-15, 21, 23-30, 36, 38-60 are canceled, wherein claims 46-50 & 52 are canceled via Examiner's amendment authorized by applicant's representative (Gregory Weaver) dated 8/1/06.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/13/06 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 14-17, filed 7/13/06, with respect to claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The prior art rejection under 103(a) of claims 1-5, 7, 16-20, 22, 31-35, 37 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1-5, 7, 16-20, 22, 31-35, and 37 are allowed; renumbered as 1-18.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior arts (US 6089765 to Mori and US 6567180 to Kageyama) of record teach a printing system for storing and reserving print job, but fail to teach and/or suggest determination means for determining whether attributes are different based on a printer driver name for an output destination for reprint and a printer driver for the reservation job data managed by reservation job management means if a reprint request is received from the information processing apparatus, and output control means for outputting the device-independent-

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format data to the information processing apparatus such that the information processing apparatus generates print data, which is device-dependent-format data, corresponding to the output destination for reprint based on the device-independent-format data, if said determination means that the attributes are different, while outputting the device-dependent-format data to the output destination, if said determination means determines that the attributes are the same, wherein the device-dependent-format data is data generated by a printer driver corresponding to the output destination, and the device-independent-format data is data generated prior to a generation process by a printer driver corresponding to the output destination and in combinations of other features as cited in independent claims 1, 16, and 31 (renumbered as 1, 7, and 13 respectively). See applicant's arguments on pages 14-17 for details. The examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, nor found any motivation to combine any of prior arts that teaches the above limitations and in combinations of other features as cited in claims 1, 16, and 31 (renumbered as 1, 7, and 13 respectively).

Conclusion

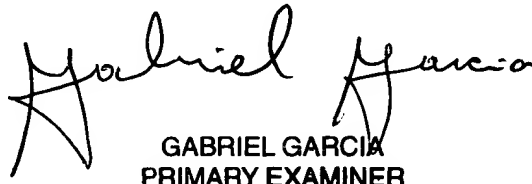
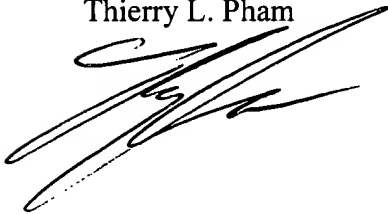
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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